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SENATOR WEHRBEIN: And it would raise 233 for the next year.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: And the intent of this, I freely admit I was not familiar with this bill. I knew these bills were out there. Let's take the class I that's on page 3. The intent is the \$100 for the operating fee for a class I would last for five years, indicating an average cost of \$20 a year for the five years. Is that the way that's interpreted?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, let me ...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I'm on page 3 for the operating permit.

SENATOR BEUTLER: On the operating, for class I's it would be \$100, and then after June 30 of 2004 it would go up to \$300 but be paid every fifth year.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Three hundred dollars...

SENATOR BEUTLER: So 300 divided by 5.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: So that would be 6...\$60 a year after that.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Sixty dollars a year.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay. Thank you. Well, I was going to say, we are desperate for money. At this point in my life, I'm not that desperate. I recognize the need to look at this and I am very willing to look at this. I would rather do the study, and I know that's probably delaying the issue somewhat, but it is very difficult out there for agriculture at this point. And whether we need to get into the operating fee side is. I'm reluctant to go there at this point. I was going to say you don't realize how much. how many head it takes to make a profit on \$50. how many head it takes to make a profit just to raise \$50, but when you're losing there's no profit. So I guess it's how many losses you have to take to equal a gain of \$50 and I can't figure that way. I would rather have a more intense